

The Washougal River Bridge burned after two gas trucks collided and caught fire Feb. 6, 1947. The flames took approximately half an hour to melt the steel girders, and the middle of the bridge collapsed into the river. The bridge was built in 1926 and cost an estimated $250,000 to fix. However, steel was hard to come by for many years following the war, so traffic was routed via Shepherd Road for months before repairs were made. Life magazine covered the event.